

**Governmental Health Group of Rhode Island
Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 23, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust, 501 Wampanoag Trail, Suite 301, East Providence, RI.

Roll Call

Board of Directors

Shawn J. Brown	Town of Middletown	Excused
Jane F. Correia	Bristol Warren RSD	Present
Harold "Ron" Devine	Little Compton Schools	Present
Ned Draper	North Kingstown Schools	Present
David P. Faucher	Town of Portsmouth	Present
Douglas Fiore	Tiverton Schools	Present
David Krugman	Town of Richmond	Present
Nancy Lalli	City of Newport	Present
Steven Lindberg	N. Smithfield Schools	Present
John Mainville	Town of Burrillville	Present
James McDonald	City of East Providence	Present
Randy Rossi	Town of Smithfield	Present
Robert Strom	Woonsocket Educ. Dept.	Present
Giovanni Venditti	Central Falls Schools	Excused

Alternate Board Members

Richard Brown	City of East Providence	Present
Lisa Cournoyer	Smithfield Schools	Excused
John Day	Town of Bristol	Excused
Michael Embury	Town of North Kingstown	Excused
Frances Gallo	Central Falls Schools	Excused
Jill Gemma	Town of N. Smithfield	Present
James Goncalo	Town of Tiverton	Excused
Karen Hagan	Town of Charlestown	Present
Robin Kimatian	Burrillville Schools	Excused
James Lathrop	Town of Hopkinton	Excused
Kathleen Lombardo	Woonsocket Educ. Dept.	Excused
Catherine McLeish	Middletown Schools	Present
Robert Mushen	Town of Little Compton	Excused
Vacant	Town of Warren	Excused
Michael Saunders	Newport Schools	Excused
Irene Sripsack	N. Smithfield Schools	Excused
Christine Tague	Portsmouth Schools	Excused

Others Present

Lynne Dible	Secretary	Present
Maureen Maurer	Recording Secretary	Present
Kevin Walsh	Group Benefits Strategies	Present
William D. Bjerke	Group Benefits Strategies	Present
Marc Tanguay	Town of Middletown	Present

Call to Order

President Faucher called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Secretary Dible reported that a quorum was present, with 12 of the 14 voting members in attendance.

Agenda

A motion was made by J. Correia, seconded by D. Fiore, to approve the agenda for the July 23, 2008 regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by C. McLeish, seconded by J. Correia, to approve the minutes (previously e-mailed) for the June 25, 2008 regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by members eligible to vote on those minutes, with members who joined as of July 2008 abstaining from this vote.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer S. Brown, President D. Faucher reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The Accounts Receivable Aging Summary shows that the Town of Tiverton and the Town of Little Compton have outstanding balances for FY2008. K. Walsh spoke about the results of the first reconciliation that took place in April, and how notices with amounts credited or due will be in the mail in the next few weeks. A motion was made by J. Correia, seconded by N. Lalli, to accept the treasurer's report as of June 30, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Warrants

A motion was made by R. Rossi, seconded by R. Strom, to approve the August 2008 Warrant for the amount of \$472,707.32. The motion was approved unanimously.

Self-Funded Cost vs. Funding Analysis/ High Cost Claim Report

K. Walsh provided a handout (previously emailed) and reviewed the Self-Funded Cost vs. Funding analysis for the policy period 7/1/07 – 6/30/08, which is at an overall cost/funding ratio of 95.4% for the twelve months of claims activity as of the end of June 2008 (compared to 96.7% for FY07 and 87.7% for FY06.) There were no changes to the disputed claims log, and the stop-loss report has not been updated yet through June.

OLD BUSINESS

Development of a Steering Committee/By-Laws review

A motion was made by D. Krugman, seconded by S. Lingberg, to table the consideration of a Steering Committee at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

Rx Carve-Out process

D. Faucher had sent out a memo and several articles about the potential savings to be realized by carving out prescription medications. There was discussion about other communities that have set up a similar program, and about how BC/BS might react to GHGRI setting up a separate program for prescription medications. A motion was made by S. Lindberg, seconded by R. Rossi, to go forward with an RFP to hire a consultant to guide GHGRI through the process of setting up a separate pharmacy benefit management program. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Board Members/Alternate Board Members

A motion was made by H. Devine, seconded by N. Lalli, to approve the appointment of Ned Draper, Director of Administrative Services, North Kingstown Schools, as the voting board member, and Michael Embury, Town Manager, Town of North Kingstown, as the alternate, effective July 1, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Costs – WRI Agreement

D. Faucher reported that there is nothing new to report, since he is still waiting on information from Mark Gagnon (BC/BS). A motion was made by Randy Rossi, seconded by Bob Strom, to table this matter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting / Election of New Officers at September 2008 meeting

D. Faucher would like to encourage new members to consider putting their name forward for one of the four executive offices of president, vice president, treasurer or secretary, or volunteering to serve on a committee. A new committee for carving out pharmacy benefits was formed, with J. Correia as chairperson, R. Brown, N. Draper, J. Mainville and R. Rossi.

Hiring a Lobbyist

W. Gunt, who was hired as a lobbyist this past legislative season by GBS, has approached GHGRI about being hired to represent their and WB's interests for this upcoming year. There was discussion about hiring a lobbyist through a competitive process, and about how there was no need to pursue this until the beginning of the legislative session in January. There was also discussion about developing a marketing program to promote GHGRI, or publishing a newsletter

to members, or producing an annual report that could also be used as a marketing tool with legislators and other communities.

Future agenda items

K. Walsh asked if his colleague William Bjerke, could speak to the group in August or September about the timeline for the dental bid. Also, K. Walsh announced that extra correspondence from BC/BS gets mailed to his office, so he will bring these extra pieces of mail to each monthly meeting for GHGRI members to pick up.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. was made by R.Rossi, seconded by R. Strom. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 27, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust, 501 Wampanoag Trail, Suite 301, East Providence, RI.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne S. Dible, Secretary
Maureen D. Maurer, Recording Secretary